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Status

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-59 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) 1-30 and 55-59 is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 31-50 and 52-54 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) 51 is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The references listed in the information disclosure statements submitted on 8/28/05 has been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 31-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Ito et al** (US 5,852,784).

Regarding claim 31, **Ito** discloses a superheterodyne receiver suitable receiving RF energy in an upper frequency band and a lower frequency band and for translating the received RF energy to an output frequency, the receiver comprising:

a source for the first LO as claimed (see Fig. 2, ref. 32 and col. 6, lines 51-65);
a first mixer (6) arranged for mixing the RF energy in the lower frequency band with a first local oscillator signal to produce a signal at a first intermediate frequency;
at least one filter (8) as claimed (see Fig. 2 and col. 7, lines 1-6);
a second mixer (7) arranged for mixing the RF energy in the upper frequency band with the first local oscillator signal to produce a signal at a second intermediate frequency;

at least one filter (9) as claimed (see Fig. 2 and col. 7, lines 1-6);
a third mixer (see demodulator 13) for mixing a second local oscillator signal (18, 23a) with the signal at the first intermediate frequency or with the signal at the second intermediate frequency to produce a signal at the output frequency, the output frequency being lower than the first intermediate frequency and the second intermediate frequency (see col. 7, lines 7-18, wherein it is clear that the frequency of baseband signals would be zero and thus its zero frequency is lower than first and second intermediate frequencies).

Regarding claim 32, the claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 31 above.

Regarding claims 33-36, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 32 above. In addition, **Ito** discloses

- without pre-selection filter (see Fig. 2).
- filters (8, 9) as claimed (see col. 7, lines 1-6).
- varying first LO through a range of frequencies (see col. 6, lines 51-55).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims **37-50, 52-54** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by **Ito** in view of **Lemley (US 6,029,054)**.

Regarding claims **37, 39-40, 43**, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 32 above. However, **Ito** fails to disclose the second LO frequency is less than the first IF frequencies and the result output frequency of lower band is inverted. However, **Lemley** discloses a receiver wherein multiple conversion for IF frequencies are utilized and wherein the second LO frequency is less than the first IF frequencies and the output resulting from lower band is inverted (see **Fig. 2** and **Band A**). Since the use of multiple conversion is well known in the art, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to further incorporate **Lemley's** teaching to **Ito** to provide a double frequency conversion for IF signals, thereby providing LO frequency and inverted band as claimed, for providing a receiver with MMIC capability.

Regarding claims **38, 42, 44, 54**, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 32 above. However, **Ito** fails to disclose the second LO frequency is greater than the first IF frequencies and the result output frequency is non-inverted. However, **Lemley** discloses a receiver wherein multiple conversion for IF frequencies are utilized and wherein the second LO frequency is less than the first IF frequencies and the output resulting from the result output frequency is inverted (see **Fig. 2** and **Band D**). Since the use of multiple conversion is well known in the art, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to further incorporate **Lemley's** teaching to **Ito** to provide a double frequency conversion for IF

signals, thereby providing LO frequency and non-inverted band as claimed, for providing a receiver with MMIC capability.

Regarding claims **41, 45-49**, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claims 37-38 above. In addition, since there are many variations in choosing LO frequencies with respect to the receiving frequency as seen in Fig. 2 of Lemley, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to further incorporate **Lemley's** teaching to Ito to provide different LO frequency range as claimed, as alternative choices in designing a multi-band receiver that provide an optimum performance in interested frequency bands available by the FCC.

Regarding claims **50, 52-53**, the claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 41 above. In addition, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to further modify **Lemley** and **Ito** to simply include a second converter as claimed, as a simple way of doubling the receiving bands of the dual-band receiver in Ito.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-30, 55-59 are allowed.
7. Claim 51 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: As to claims 1, 30, 51, the cited prior art fails to disclose or make it obvious the claimed invention for the reason as stated in Applicant's response filed on 8/29/05,

pages 19-22, wherein a switch is configured to direct the first local oscillator signal either to the first mixer or to the second mixer as specified in the claims.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-59 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

10. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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or faxed to:

(571) 273-8300 (for formal communications intended for entry)
(571)-273-7893 (for informal or draft communications).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc M. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7893, Monday-Thursday (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM).

Or to Edward Urban (Supervisor) whose telephone number is (571) 272-7899.

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